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VIA ECF AND U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Paul A. Crotty United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Chambers 1350 New York, New York 10007

Re: GOJO Industries, Inc. v. Innovative Biodefense, Inc. - Case No. 15-cv-2946 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant GOJO Industries, Inc. and Defendant/Counter-Claimant Innovative Biodefense, Inc. have met and conferred regarding the discovery schedule in this matter, and respectfully request that the Court consider and approve the enclosed Amended Civil Case Management Plan and Scheduling Order.

The parties' request to amend the current discovery schedule is made in good faith and for good cause. Discovery is still ongoing due to the complexity of the multiple claims and counterclaims in this action and logistical issues with having witnesses and counsel in multiple states.

To date, the parties have propounded and responded to multiple initial and supplemental discovery requests, and have commenced third party discovery. The parties are also engaged in meet and confer efforts regarding their respective document productions. Numerous other depositions are being scheduled and efficiency in that process will require that some fact discovery finish next year. ¹

The parties agree that none of the parties will suffer undue prejudice if the Court amends the current discovery schedule. There has been only one prior amending of the discovery schedule in this matter. The parties have not stipulated to amend the discovery schedule to cause delay or to frustrate the Court's calendar. Rather, the parties have met and conferred and agree that their request is in the interests of justice to promote judicial

¹ If the court would like, a summary regarding the status of the depositions that have been taken and/or scheduled can be provided.





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economy and to prevent any undue prejudice to the parties' ability to complete discovery in this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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GOJ	O INDUSTRIES, INC.								
INNC	Plaintiff(s), - against - DVATIVE BIODEFENSE, INC. Defendant(s).	: 15 Civ. 2946 (PAC) : AMENDED : CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN : AND SCHEDULING ORDER							
adopt		PED NOT HANDWRITTEN. ed in accordance with Rule 26(f), Fed. R. Civ. P., is ordance with Rule 16(f), Fed. R. Civ. P.							
1.	Magistrate Judge, including motions and trial	[X] to conducting all further proceedings before a . 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). [Check one.] [If all consent, the d. The parties must submit a magistrate consent form							
2.	This case is [X] or is not [] to be tried to a jury. [Check one.]								
3.	. Amended pleadings may not be filed and additional parties may not be joined except with leave of the Court. See pre-motion conference requirement located in my Individual Practices.								
4.	Initial disclosure pursuant to Rules 26(N/A	a)(1), Fed. R. Civ. P., shall be completed by:							
5.	All <u>fact</u> discovery shall be completed no later than <u>2/12/16</u> [A period not to exceed 120 days, unless the Court finds that the case presents unique complexities or other exceptional circumstances.]								
6.	The parties are to conduct discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Southern District of New York. The following interim deadlines may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided all fact discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 5 above:								
	 a. Initial requests for production of doct b. Interrogatories to be served by: N/A c. Depositions to be completed by: 2/2 								

d. Requests to Admit to be served by: 1/4/16	d. Requests to	Admit to be served	l by: 1/4/16	
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- 7. a. All <u>expert</u> discovery shall be completed no later than: 3/29/16

 [Absent exceptional circumstances, a date forty-five (45) days from the date in paragraph 5, i.e. the completion of all fact discovery.]
 - b. No later than thirty (30) days <u>prior to</u> the date in paragraph 5, <u>i.e.</u> the completion of all fact discovery, the parties shall meet and confer on a schedule for expert disclosures, including reports, production of underlying documents and depositions, provided that (i) plaintiff(s)' expert report(s) shall be due before those of defendant(s)' expert(s); and (ii) all expert discovery shall be completed by the date set forth in paragraph 7(a).
- 8. All motions and applications shall be governed by the Court's Individual Practices, including premotion conference requirements.
- 9. All counsel must meet face-to-face for at least one hour to discuss settlement within fourteen (14) days following the close of fact discovery.
- 10. a. Counsel for the parties have discussed an informal exchange of information in aid of an early settlement of this case and have agreed upon the following:

 Plaintiff and Defendant IBD have exchanged information in connection with order to show cause.
 - b. Counsel for the parties have discussed the use of the following alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for use in this case: (i) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (ii) participation in the District's Mediation Program; and/or (iii) retention of a privately retained mediator. Counsel for the parties propose the following alternate dispute resolution mechanism for this case: District Mediation Program
 - c. Counsel for the parties recommend that the alternate dispute resolution mechanism designated in paragraph b, be employed at the following point in the case (e.g. within the next sixty days; after the deposition of plaintiff is completed (specify date); after the close of fact discovery) After the close of fact discovery
 - d. The use of any alternative dispute resolution mechanism does not stay or modify any date in this Order.
- 11. The Final Pretrial Submission Date is thirty (30) days following the close of fact and expert discovery (whichever is later). By the Final Pretrial Submission Date, the parties shall submit a Joint Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with the undersigned's Individual Practices and Rule 26(a)(3), Fed. R. Civ. P. Any motions in limine (for which the pre-motion conference requirement is waived) shall be

filed by the Final Pretrial Submission Date. If this action is to be tried before a jury, proposed voir dire, jury instructions and verdict form shall also be filed by the Final Pretrial Submission Date. Counsel are required to meet and confer on a joint submission of proposed jury instructions and verdict form, noting any points of disagreement in the submission. Jury instructions may not be submitted after the Final Pretrial Submission Date, unless they meet the standard of Rule 51(a)(2)(A), Fed. R. Civ. P. If this action is to be tried to the Court, proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law should be submitted by the Final Pretrial Submission Date.

12.	Counsel	for	the	parties	have	conferred	and	their	present	best	estimate	of	the	length	of	trial	is:
	1 week								E.								

13. The "dates" column below shall be filled out by counsel. **ALL DATES MUST BE TYPED NOT HANDWRITTEN.**

13. Civil Case Management Plan Requirement					
Initial Disclosure pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1), Fed.R.Civ.P. to be served no later than					
All fact discovery to be completed no later than:	2/12/16				
Discovery - initial requests for production of documents to be served no later than:	N/A				
Discovery - interrogatories to be served no later than:	N/A				
Discovery - depositions to be completed no later than:	2/12/16				
Discovery - requests to admit to be served no later than:	1/4/16				
All expert discovery to be completed no later than:	3/29/16				
Parties to meet to confer on scheduled for expert disclosures no later than:					
All counsel to meet face-to-face to discuss settlement no later than:	3/4/16				
Date recommended by counsel for alternate dispute resolution:					

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COURT:

14.	The next conference is scheduled for:// 20(@:AM / PM in Courtroom 11D. 14-0
accor	This ORDER may not be modified or the dates here t for good cause shown. Any application to modify or extendance with paragraph 1(E) of the Court's Individual Practic prior to the expiration of the date sought to be extended.	d shall be made in a written application in
Dated		Paul A. Crotty United States District Judge
	New York NV	